

May 16, 2016

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Opp, Flihs, McGannon, Peterson, Blackmun, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, Betty Breck, Terry Herron, and staff from 3 newspapers.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Opp to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

1st State Bank	7,435.12	ss & wh
Consolidated Fed Cr Union	1,100.00	emp savings
SD State Treasurer	7,146.71	sales tax
A-1 Sanitation	1,160.00	cleanup hauling
AFLAC	782.32	emp ins
Border States	1,330.03	materials
Car Quest Auto Parts	31.84	filters, oil, cleaner
Dearborn Life Ins	88.00	life ins
Full Circle Ag	217.79	herbicide
Galls	49.79	belt
Groton Ford	485.55	repairs
Groton Independent	41.63	publishing
Guardian Ins	245.30	emp ins
Harry Imp	26.89	ends
Heartland Cons Power District	52,055.53	power
Kens	746.27	gas,dsl, paper products, water
Paul Kosel	95.00	med flex
Leidholdt Tool	328.45	ratchet, wrench
MJ's Sinclair	593.19	gas, dsl, tire repair, battery
Michael Todd	271.52	lightbar, shovels
RDO	67.12	filter elements
Riteway	678.07	util bill forms
SD Supplement Retirement	1,160.00	emp retirement
Share Corp	182.85	cleaner
Specialty Mfg	52.80	hot rod
TW Services	999.60	transformer oil disposal
Watertown Baseball	250.00	Jr Teener tourn fee
Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield	12,548.62	health ins
Western Area Power Adm	24,263.09	power

Terry Herron explained that the Railroad well was free flowing and it was ruining the wellhouse floor and walls. Quotations for capping the well are being obtained and other alternatives were discussed. Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to table any action until another quotation is received. All members present voted aye.

Dr. Steve Smith, Chelsea Hanson, Doug Jorgenson, and Jason Holm enter the meeting during the discussion.

Since the current water tower is over 95 years old, the need for a water tower reserve fund was explained as grants require matching funds and the cost of a new tower will be hard to work into one or two budgets. Additional funds could come from the water charges, or other sources. Moved by Opp and seconded by Peterson to table until the next meeting. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Hanlon reminded everyone that the ordinance restricting any yard waste from being blown into the street or alley while mowing has been in effect for over a year. Costs for cleaning storm sewers, and street sweeping were reviewed. Warnings and fines will be implemented.

Blackmun reported on meeting with the school board regarding the lease for soccer field. Cost sharing for upkeep and rates still need to be negotiated.

Chelsea Hanson, Jason Holm, and Doug Jorgenson came before the Council to request 3 way stop signs to be located at the corner of N State St and W 3rd Ave due to additional traffic from the baseball complex. Police Officer Jerry Bjerke also spoke in favor of the signs. The request was tabled.

Doug Sombke enters the meeting during the discussion.

Rules for videoing the meeting were suggested. Betty Breck addressed the Council on her objections and interpretations of the terms “reasonable and not disruptive” from state law. Moved by Glover and seconded by Flihs to table the proposed rules. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Opp to hire Rebecca Flihs to assist with teaching swimming lessons at the pool. All members present voted aye.

At 7:56pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Opp and seconded by Flihs to discuss legal matters. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 9:03pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer